



# ASPIRE

A PUBLICATION OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

◆ HOPE ◆ SAFETY ◆ RECOVERY

## MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL 2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE

By: Julie Cox

More than 20 floats and walking groups hit the streets at Mississippi State Hospital on December 1 to kick off the 2023 Christmas season for patients and residents. Combining a movie and decades idea, this year's theme was "Top Movies from 1960 to 2010". There were no Christmas movies permitted, but each entry was encouraged to add a Christmas twist.

Dr. Kathy Crockett, Executive Director of Hinds Behavioral Health Services (HBHS), remarked, "The floats were amazing. Actually, they were the best I have seen!" HBHS participates in the MSH parade each year. This year, they won the Tin Solder Award for their Pirates of the Caribbean entry.

Mr. Chastain agreed that all of the floats were awesome this year, but he really loved the marching band, noting, "The Jim Hill band was fantastic. I loved watching their drum majors!" We are so thankful for the Jim Hill High School Band for participating in this year's parade. They are long-time volunteers and provided the live band energy that every parade needs. Friends of Mississippi State Hospital board members served as parade judges. The awards were presented as follows:



- Most Magical Award:  
BATMAN, CTS BUILDINGS 45 & 46
- Christmas Star Award:  
JURASSIC PARK, BUILDING 81, SUS
- Holiday Spirit Award:  
UP, FORENSIC SERVICES
- Tin Soldier Award:  
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, HINDS  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
- Christmas Joy Award:  
CLEOPATRA, JNH BUILDINGS 28/34
- Best Christmas Twist with  
Your Theme:  
JAWS, JNH ADMINISTRATION,  
BUILDING 78
- Best Support Services Entry:  
WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT, MSH  
ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING 21
- Merry Melodies Award:  
GREASE, NURSING SERVICES,  
BUILDING 36
- Honorable Mentions:  
9 TO 5, JNH BUILDING 31 and  
SHREK, PERSONNEL, BUILDING 61



The Friends of MSH Board served as judges for the MSH Christmas Parade. Pictured (left to right) - Bobby Stephens, Amy Walker, Gale Martin, Kim Edwards & Aubree Satterfield, Ray Wallace (President), Kim Rayburn, Dee Payne (Treasurer), Marilyn Garth, Danielle Kitchens (WAPT guest judge), Betty Harpe



The Christmas season continued throughout the month of December with Santa Day on December 19 and volunteer groups visiting with patients and residents at Mississippi State Hospital to celebrate and share the Christmas Spirit.



# THE CHRISTMAS HOUSE

## *Patients and Residents Visited/Toured*

This year's Christmas House hosted over 150 patients and residents for a fun-filled tour, followed by engaging activities. Our 2023 games included a snowball toss/catch, candy cane fishing, Santa golf, and an ornament guessing game.

Everyone was then invited to step into a life-sized winter wonderland snow globe for commemorative photos. After a tour of the beautiful Christmas light displays throughout the building, guests then enjoyed refreshments while watching some

entertaining Christmas videos. Art Services wrapped up the visit by leading everyone in creating their own personalized photo frame.



# SANTA DAY AT MSH



2023 Mississippi State Hospital Santas: Front Row (l to r) – Chaplain Dennis Spivey (MSH), Gale Martin (Past President and Friends of MSH Board Member), Senator Hillman Frazier (District 27), Representative Lance Varner (District 62), Gene Miller (Volunteer), Daniel Elliott (President, Rankin County Market, Candence Bank)

Back Row (l to r) – Jerry Johnson (Print Shop Manager, MSH), Billy Morehead (Mississippi College), Martin Keil (First Senior Vice President, Community Bank), Carl Mangum (UMMC School of Nursing), Bo Chastain (Hospital Director, MSH), Jeff Luckey (Police Chief, MSH), Bobby Browning (Valic), Patrick Fontaine (Fontaine Insurance Services)

Santa Day, one of the most exciting events of the year at Mississippi State Hospital, was held on December 19. Santa Day was started by James "Jimmy" Stubbs, who was MSH director from 1975-88. On Santa Day, volunteers, elected officials, and MSH employees dressed as Santa Claus visit each and every patient and resident

building on the campus to personally deliver holiday gifts. Each MSH patient and Jaquith Nursing Home resident receives a gift bag with clothing, games, and activities.

holiday parties for the patients and residents served at MSH. Some groups do caroling, and others bring food and gifts. Santa Day is the culmination of those holiday activities.

A multitude of volunteers have visited the campus in 2023 and provided nearly 30



# Disability Rights Mississippi Makes Donation to Mississippi State Hospital

By: Julie Cox

Representatives from Disability Rights Mississippi (DRMS) made several stops on the Mississippi State Hospital campus to deliver donations for the Christmas season. Visiting the MSH campus were, Janell Minor, DRMS Intake Supervisor, Veronica Lane, DRMS Advocate, Tony Sheppard, DRMS Advocate, and Hunter Robertson, DRMS Civil Rights Attorney. The mission of Disability Rights Mississippi is to promote, protect and advocate for the rights of all people with disabilities, and to assist them with full inclusion in home, community, education, and employment.



## Donation to Oak Circle Center

Front Row: Amy Womble, MSH Service Administrator (Oak Circle Center), Janell Minor, DRMS Intake Supervisor, Veronica Lane, DRMS Advocate, Marilen Kelly, MSH Nurse Educator

Back Row: Amy Carruth, MSH Director of Service Outcome, Tony Sheppard, DRMS Advocate, and Hunter Robertson, DRMS Civil Rights Attorney

Their first stop on campus was to provide a generous package of supplies for Oak Circle Center (OCC), which treats children and adolescents at Mississippi State Hospital. Amy Womble serves as the Service Administrator for OCC. The items will be used as rewards for the Positive Behavior Incentive System (PBIS) at OCC.

The Christmas House was the next stop to deliver Christmas gifts for patient and resident gift bags. Christmas gift bags are provided to every patient and resident of MSH as part of the mission of The Christmas House and Santa Day. These two Christmas events were established by former Director of Volunteer Services, Jerald D. Ball, to ensure that MSH patients and residents were not forgotten during the Christmas holiday season.



## Donation to Christmas House

Jenny Pittman, MSH Director of Risk Management/Safety and Investigative Services, Janell Minor, DRMS Intake Supervisor, Veronica Lane, DRMS Advocate

# 2023 Mississippi State Hospital Christmas Party Gallery

1. Santa's Helpers
2. Ebenezer CME Church
3. Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ
4. Gallman Baptist Church
5. Fairview Baptist Church
6. Good Hope MB Church
7. Grandview Baptist Church
8. Greater Clarkstreet Church
9. Greater New True Light Baptist Church
10. Griffith Memorial Baptist Church
11. Meadowbrook Church of Christ
12. Mississippi Hospital Association
13. New Hope Baptist Church
14. New Prospect Baptist Church
15. St. Luther Missionary Baptist Church
16. St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
17. Parkview Church of Christ
18. South Liberty Baptist Church
19. St. Peter MB Church
20. New Strangers Home
21. Delta Sigma Theta
22. Omnicron Federated Juniors & Pre Teens\*\*

Listed From 1-22 are Christmas party groups for 2023 | \*\* Party group photo not available.

01



THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
FRIENDS OF  
MSH, Inc.  
CORPORATE  
SPONSORS

BankPlus<sup>®</sup>  
cura  
hospitality

Mid South  
Rehab Services  
INCORPORATED



02



03



04



05



06



07



08



09



10



11



12

13



14



19



15



16



20



17



18



21



# 2023 Mississippi State Hospital Gift & Christmas House Donation Gallery

- 1. Church Women United
- 2. Hinds Rankin Honors
- 3. Jimmy Bullock Family
- 4. Greenville Garden Club
- 5. Ms. Russell
- 6. St. Peter Baptist Church
- 7. Zeta Phi Beta
- 8. St. Matthews Baptist Church
- 9. Mississippi Hospital Association
- 10. Quota International of Jackson (Fairra Green)
- 11. South Mississippi Community College
- 12. Truevine Missionary Baptist Church

- 13. Union Baptist Church
- 14. Sand Hill MB Church
- 15. Daniel Memorial Baptist Church
- 16. Florentine Evening Club

Listed from 1-16 are Gift and Christmas House Donations for 2023



09



10



15



16



11



12



13



14

# Friends of MSH Board Members Assemble Candy/Snack Bags

Several members of the Friends of MSH Board met in late November to assemble bundles of snacks that were included in each patient/resident's Christmas gift bag. Christmas gift bags are provided to every patient and resident of MSH as part of the mission of The Christmas House and Santa Day. These two Christmas events were established by former Director of Volunteer Services, Jerald D. Ball, to ensure that MSH patients and residents were not forgotten during the Christmas holiday season.

The Christmas House is a collection point for donations, but it is also a wonderland of Christmas lights and decorations located throughout the building. During the week of December 4-8, patients and residents toured The Christmas House and engaged in games and crafts during their visit.

Santa Day was held on December 19. On that day, business leaders, legislators, and others dressed as Santa Claus personally delivered Christmas gift bags to every individual served by the hospital.

Patients, residents, and staff look forward to both of these Christmas activities every year.



*Pictured (left to right): Friends of MSH Board Members - Jessie Buckley, Dianne Roberts, Marilyn Garth, Dee Payne (Treasurer) and Betty Harpe*



# 2023 CHRISTMAS DONATION LIST

1. Ackerman Baptist Church	37. Mt Pleasant Baptist Church	74. Davis Weathersby
2. Shelby/Calloway Barnes	38. Mississippi Hospital Association	75. Gladys Briggs
3. Batesville Woman's Club	39. Nativity Lutheran Church	76. Anjohnette Gibbs
4. Robert E. Burford, CPA PA	40. Noxubee County MHV, Inc	77. Cynthia Griffin
5. Barbara/John Collier	41. Old Silver Creek Baptist Church	78. Mary Hardy
6. James /Meredith Creekmore	42. William Parker	79. Maxine Harris
7. Mary B. Crossman	44. Quota International of Jackson	80. Lynda Hughes
8. Diane/Stanley Croxton	45. Roxanne Randle	81. Malvin Jones
9. Suzanne Culliver	46. Raymond Garden Club	82. Dr. Dorothy J. Smith Nelson
10. Crystal Springs Floral Club	47. Joy/Charles Rhoads	83. Wanda Scott
11. Mr. & Mrs . William Davidson	48. Mary Ellen Resenblat	84. Julia Thomas
12. Amy Delong	49. Sheila Rosser	85. Dr. Doris J. Thompson
13. Lynn Dilmore	50. Springhill MB Church Florence, MS	86. Florence O Weathersby
14. Estes Mill Homemakers' Club	51. Springhill Bapt Ch of Tall Co., Inc.	87. Earlean Woods
15. Marilyn Garth	52. Angela Strong	88. Martha Bray
16. GFWC/MFWC Florentine Club	53. Geraldine/Lewis Tate	89. Church Women United In MS, Inc.
17. Greater Disney Chapel Church	54. Greenville Garden Club	90. Church Women United In MS, Inc.
18. Florentine Club	55. The Jimmy Bullock Family	91. Mildred Fields
19. First Baptist Church Sunday School	56. Minetta/Douglas Veazey	92. Thelma Giles
20. First Baptist Madison Sunday School	57. Mark Wall	93. Greater St. Peter MB Church
21. First United Methodist Church	58. Ward's Rehab & Vending	94. Marilyn Hansell
22. Happy Hearts	59. Helen Watkins	95. Edna Jackson
23. Greg Harper	60. Elizabeth Odel Weir	96. Janice Jelks
24. Rita/Kirk Hill	61. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	97. Ruth Lockhart
25. Mary/Jerry Hoover	62. Mary/Pete Baughman	98. Mercy Seat MB Church
26. Katherine Nalls Hopson	63. Mary Lynn/Lewis Joel	99. Cheryl McCaskill
27. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jaquith	64. Elizabeth Pannel Robertson	100. Mt. Carmel MB Church
28. Glynn Kegley	65. Margaret/David Rushing	101. Mt. Horeb MB Church
29. Kiwanis Club of Clarksdale	66. Donna Louise Turman	102. Margaret Rushing
30. Florence Lewis	67. Davis Lee Whatley	103. Joe Ann Williams
31. James/Leslie Lewis	68. Jennifer Edwards	104. New Hope First Baptist Church
32. Jean Marks	69. Marilyn Hansell	105. Sunshine Daycare & Learning Center
33. Maria Mavar	70. Evelyn Jackson	106. Patricia Yates
34. John McCullouch	71. Doyle Madison	
35. Dr. Reb McMichael	72. Pilgrim Home MB Church	
36. Mt. Olive Baptist Church	73. Florence Weathersby	